

مَا مِنْكُمْ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا وَقَدْ وَكَّلَ بِهِ قَرِينُهُ مِنَ الْجِنِّ قَالُوا وَإِيَّاكَ يَا رَسُولَ
اللَّهِ قَالَ وَإِيَّايَ إِلَّا أَنْ اللَّهَ أَعَانَنِي عَلَيْهِ فَأَسْلَمَ فَلَا يَأْمُرُنِي إِلَّا بِخَيْرٍ

“There is not one of you who does not have his partner from among the jinn.” The people asked, “Even you, Oh Messenger of Allah?” He answered, “Even me, but Allah has helped me against him and, therefore, he only commands me to do good.” Imam Ahmad has also recorded this hadith from Ibn Abbas with the wording, “But Allah has helped me against him and he embraced Islam.” And Muslim recorded from Aisha, “But my Lord aided me against him until he submitted.”

The jinn were made subservient to Solomon

Allah made all the jinn and devils subservient to the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) and they all performed what he wished. He punished and imprisoned those who disobeyed. Allah says in the Quran,

فَسَخَّرْنَا لَهُ الرِّيحَ تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِهِ رُخَاءً حَيْثُ أَصَابَ ﴿٣٦﴾ وَالشَّيَاطِينَ
كُلَّ بَنَاءٍ وَعَوَاصٍ ﴿٣٧﴾ وَءَاخِرِينَ مُقَرَّنِينَ فِي الْأَصْفَادِ

“So We made the wind subservient unto him, setting fair by His command whatever he intended. And the devils, every builder and diver (made We subservient), and others linked together in chains” (Saud 36-38). He also said,

وَمِنَ الْجِنَّ مَن يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ^ط وَمَن يَزِغُ مِنْهُمْ
 عَنْ أَمْرِنَا نُنْزِقُهُ مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ ﴿١٢﴾ يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ
 مِن مَّحْرِبٍ وَتَمَثِيلٍ وَحِفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رَّاسِيَتٍ ^ع

“And unto Solomon (We gave) the wind, whereof the morning course was a month’s journey and the evening course a month’s journey, and We caused the fountain of copper to gush forth for him, and (We gave him) certain of the jinn who worked before him by permission of his Lord. And such of them as deviated from Our command, them We caused to taste the punishment of a flaming fire” (*Saba* 12).

This subjugation to Solomon was in response to a prayer that he made to Allah that is stated in the Quran,

وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ

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“He said: My Lord! Forgive me and bestow on me sovereignty such as shall not belong to any after me. Lo! You are the Bestower” (*Saud* 35). It was this supplication that prevented the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) from keeping and showing the jinn that he had captured, who had put a burning branch in the Prophet’s face and wanted to throw it at him. In *Sahih Muslim*, the following is related on the authority of Abu al-Darda: the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) stood (to pray) and he could be heard saying, “I seek refuge in Allah from you.” After which he said, “I curse you with the curse of Allah.” He stated that three times and then stretched out his arm, looking as if he was about to grab something. When he finished the prayer, he was asked, “Oh Messenger of Allah, during the prayer we heard you say something that we have not heard you say before in the prayer, and we saw you stretch out your

arm.” The Prophet (peace be upon him) told them, “The enemy of Allah, Iblees, came to me with a flame of fire to put it in my face, therefore I said three times, ‘I curse you with Allah’s curse.’ Afterwards, I said three times, ‘I seek refuge in Allah from you.’ But he did not leave after any of these. Then I attempted to seize him. I swear by Allah, that had it not been for the supplication of my brother Solomon, he would have been ‘fettered and made an object of sport for the children of Madina.’” And that type of incident occurred more than once.

Imam Muslim also recorded the following from Abu Huraira: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

إن عفريتاً من الجن جعل يفتك علي البارحة ليقطع علي الصلاة وإن
الله أمكنني منه فدعته فلقد هممت أن أربطه إلى جنب سارية من
سواري المسجد حتى تصبحوا تنظرون إليه أجمعون أو كلكم ثم ذكرت
قول أخي سليمان (رب اغفر لي وهب لي ملكا لا ينبغي لأحد من
بعدي) فرده الله خاسئاً

“An *afreet* [a type of devil] of the jinn escaped last night to interrupt my prayer, but Allah gave me power over him, therefore I seized him and I was planning on tying him to one of the pillars in the mosque, but then I remembered the supplication of my brother Solomon, ‘My Lord! Forgive me and bestow on me sovereignty such as shall not belong to any after me.’ So Allah returned him belittled and despised.”

The Jews lied about Solomon

The Jews and those who follow them in using jinn through the art of magic allege that Solomon used magic to gain mastery over the jinn. Many of the early scholars mention that when Solomon died, the devils recorded books of magic and disbelief and put them under his throne and they said, “Solomon used these books to subjugate the jinn.”